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My dear Doctor Gray

I most assuredly  
"appreciate your letter". Nothing  
could give me greater pleasure  
than to accept your kind invitation  
both as to the hanging of my  
hat and hark (hanging my hat  
on the Willows is good) but it is  
a pleasure which I am constrained  
to forego for the present.

I feel proud of being asked  
to do the Willows for the Manual  
Of that much used old book I  
possess two copies: one with which  
I began the study of Botany  
years and years ago, the other  
well worn but evidently used.

changed about the purchase of  
middle age and now to the  
next complete recasting I am  
invited to contribute. I only  
hope that I may in this work  
nearly so well you may say as  
John Pursey Esq<sup>r</sup> did in yours.

Having in mind the preparation  
of a synopsis of St. St. Willows for  
your Flora, and also a more  
partly to demand an account I had begun this  
summer a critical study of  
all our species preparatory to  
publication of any sort. I do  
however absolutely need before  
making prints to avail myself  
of the advantages which your  
Herbarium and Library would  
afford. I wish with all my

heart that "later in July or August"  
might be made available for this  
purpose but if my visit must be  
postponed I trust it will not  
be for long. And still I should  
not think of "harrying" my list or  
in any way "pressing" it  
senting you, because in consequence  
I shall hope that the remaining  
clause of your invitation will  
hold open indefinitely.

Concerning the sending of  
your Willows in to the  
about which you ask any question,  
I would suggest that the most  
applicable which I will mention  
will be in the connection mentioned  
of our St. St. species with the  
and in the subsequent determination  
of the Salix virginica of Franchet  
Loesel and others. Now the  
our Herbarium about all other  
needed in this regard must be the

of "Patroling" that, please, in his time.  
A train to here will be a necessity, in  
many instances and in arranging out of your  
head the material labels to be  
arranged in their own place in  
the several species of this General District  
which he will have - others in his  
own hand - in that of Colville and  
the species of the Rocky Mts - Pacific  
District. It is believed from  
the latter and such specimens as he  
recently showed me by Prof Anderson  
that he will mount some, and these  
will cost me about 50-75 cents.  
But - they will be three very fine  
and you will be glad to see them in  
your collection. I had thought of sending the  
Prof Anderson a few sheets to me very late  
decided to especially collect many of them  
of intermediate with the Pacific. I  
have not heard from him lately, but  
I have heard that he is mounting his  
specimens as the Service requires to send  
the specimens collected from the Pacific to  
I suppose there is no need of  
arranging them.

With warmest regards yours  
B. J.